

Scholarship Programs Available for Military Children and/or Spouses

The National Military Family Association's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are awarded to spouses of Uniformed Services members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. Scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,000.00, and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. Scholarship selection is based on your completion of some survey questions that will help NMFA advocate for education changes on your behalf, short-answer questions, and an essay question that will help us get to know you better. To be considered, your application must be completed by midnight March 15, 2007.

http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Spouse_Scholarship

Homefront America, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting military service members and their families, has partnered with the W. Daniel Tate Family and Sara's Hope Foundation to announce, The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Award, an essay contest for military dependent children. Through the generosity and support of the W. Daniel Tate Family and Sara's Hope Foundation, Homefront America will award twenty individual \$1,000.00 scholarships to military dependent children as part of the essay contest. Scholarships awarded may be used to assist students with tuition, textbook purchases and related supplies/materials. For more information click the following URL: <http://homefrontamerica.org/>

More than 8,500 students from military families have benefited from the Educational Assistance Program of MOAA. MOAA's program provides interest-free loans and grants to students for up to five years of undergraduate study. If you need educational assistance for college, already are receiving an interest-free loan or grant from MOAA, or have questions about repaying your interest-free loan, be sure to check this site periodically. Here you'll find instructions about how to apply for a loan, deadlines for loan applications, and loan renewal and repayment information. www.moaa.org

Only dependent unmarried children under age 21 (23 if enrolled as a full time student) of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of deceased members, may apply for a scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university in the fall term of 2007. Applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree or who are enrolled in a graduate degree program are not eligible. All applicants must also have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis) to be eligible to apply. www.militaryscholar.org

Since its inception in 1942, the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) has been committed to helping Air Force members and their families realize their academic goals. In recent

years, the Society's emphasis has been on direct funding of new initiatives that provide greater value to Air Force families. The centerpiece of the Society's education initiatives is the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program which provides \$2000 grants to selected sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies. The value and success of this program, is demonstrated in the 77,929 grants disbursed since the first awards were made for the 1988-1989 academic year. This grant program remains competitive in its need-based selection criteria, uniquely tailored to recognize the proper weighing of family income and education cost factors, and is administered by ACT Recognition Program Services. ACT, located in Iowa City IA, is an independent, not-for-profit organization with over 40 years experience in providing support services to scholarship sponsors. www.afas.org

AAAA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION awards scholarships and interest-free loans annually to members of AAAA and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased members. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Department of the Army Civilian members. www.quad-a.org

American Legion Auxillary, National President Scholarship These scholarships are awarded to children of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the eligibility dates for The American Legion. One \$2,500 scholarship, one \$2,000 scholarship, and one \$1,000 in scholarships will be awarded in each Division. Ten outstanding students will be awarded a total of \$27,500 to further their higher education. The applicant must complete fifty (50) hours of community service during his/her high school years to be eligible for one of these scholarships. www.legion-aux.org

First Command Educational Foundation awards scholarships each year to individuals seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees, including 15 scholarships to high school Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets. Since the Foundation was established in 1983, over 3,000 scholarships have been awarded for a total of \$3.3 million. For more information regarding scholarships in your area, please email us at edufoundation@firstcommand.org. Please be sure to include a telephone number and a mailing address so that we may contact you.

The Army Scholarship Foundation awards one-year financial scholarships (not grants or loans) on an annual basis to qualified and deserving students. The amount of award ranges from \$500 to \$2000 for undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. Scholarship recipients may apply to renew their scholarships annually for a total of four years of higher education. Renewal is not automatic, but depends on academic performance and continued academic eligibility. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic record and participation in school and community activities. Spouses and children can apply. www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org

A variety of scholarship programs. www.legion.org

Dependent Children and Spouse Scholarships ARNG <http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

Air Force Sergeants Association <http://www.afsahq.org>